



Docket No.: 392.1680

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Atsushi WATANABE et al.

Serial No. 09/546,214

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No. 3614

Filed: April 10, 2000

Examiner: George A. Bugg

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicant filed a November 18, 2003 Response to the July 18, 2003 Office Action.

A February 10, 2004 Action has issued indicating that claim 2 in the November 18, 2003 Response fails to comply with 37 CFR Section 1.121(c) since the claim "has not been changed from its 'Original' form, and is labeled as 'Currently Amended'".

In the November 18, 2003 Response, however, claim 2 was amended by changing "comprises" to --comprise" using strikethrough of the "s" (second occurrence) in the former, only to improve grammar. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 2 as presented in the November 18, 2003 Response complies with Rule 1.121(c).

In light of the above, and the amendments and remarks included in the November 18, 2003 Response, it is again respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance.

If there any additional fees associated with filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned

would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.


Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

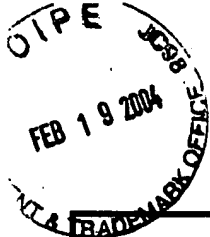
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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	392.1680	
	Application Number	09/546,214	
	Filing Date	April 10, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Atsushi WATANABE	
	Group Art Unit	2613	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED		Examiner Name	George A. Bugg

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	- 20=	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an due date of, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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- ☐ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

19-3935

Deposit Account Name

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- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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